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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1049-2, HSIAN AIRFRAME PLANT YENLIANG 172, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFICATION OF A THIRD BADGER (TU-16)  
MAY INDICATE PRODUCTION OF THIS AIRCRAFT  
AT HSIAN AIRFRAME YENLIANG PLANT 172.
2. LOCATION: HSIAN AIRFRAME PLANT YENLIANG 172 IS LOCATED  
3 NM SSE OF YENLIANG AT 34-38N 109-13E.
3. REMARKS: PRIOR TO THIS MISSION CHINA WAS KNOWN TO  
HAVE TWO BADGER ACQUIRED FROM THE SOVIET  
UNION. THE HOME BASE FOR THESE AIRCRAFT IS  
NORMALLY AT WUKUNG AIRFIELD  
A THIRD BADGER HAS NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED, TWO  
WERE OBSERVED AT HSIAN AIRFRAME PLANT  
YENLIANG 172, AND A THIRD AT WUKUNG AIRFIELD.

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4. COLLATERAL:

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AIRFRAME PLANT IN CHINA. THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT 172 PROBABLY BEGAN IN EARLY 1958 WITH HELP FROM SOVIET AIRFRAME PLANTS WHICH HAD PRODUCED BADGER. CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT WAS TEMPORARILY DISRUPTED IN 1960 AS A RESULT OF THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. HOWEVER, PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED THAT CONSTRUCTION BEGAN AGAIN IN 1964 AND CONTINUED THROUGH 1966 WHEN THE PLANT WAS COMPLETED.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:6. NEGATION DATE:7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

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8. DIMENSIONS/  
SPECIFICATIONS:

BADGER HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN SIX VARIANTS IN THE SOVIET UNION:

BADGER A, FREE-FALL BOMBER;

BADGER B AND BADGER C, AIR-TO-SURFACE  
MISSILE (ASM) CARRIERS OF THE KENNEL  
AND KIPPER ASMS;

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BADGER D, ELINT RECONNAISSANCE VARIANT;  
BADGER E, PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE  
VARIANT; AND  
BADGER F, PHOTO/ELINT RECONNAISSANCE  
VARIANT.

9. MISSION READOUT: AIRCRAFT -- 2 BADGER, 2 PROBABLE FISHBED, 14 SMALL  
SWEPT-WING, 3 COLT, AND 3 SMALL STRAIGHT-WING. PRIOR TO THIS COVERAGE  
ONLY TWO BADGER HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN CHINA. HOWEVER, ANOTHER  
BADGER IN ADDITION TO THE TWO AT AIRFRAME PLANT 172 IS SEEN ON THIS SAME  
PASS AT WUKUNG AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY  
50 NAUTICAL MILES WSW OF PLANT 172 AND HAS IN THE PAST BEEN THE HOME  
BASE FOR THE TWO KNOWN BADGER. THE PRESENCE OF TWO BADGER AT THIS  
PLANT INDICATES THAT CHINA COULD BE IN AN EARLY STAGE OF BADGER PRODUCTION.  
A BADGER WAS FIRST OBSERVED AT THIS PLANT [REDACTED]

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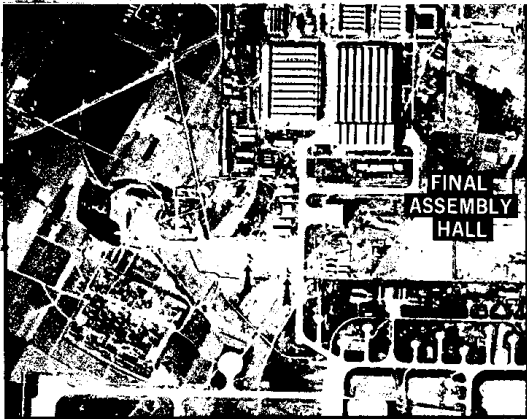
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